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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION )  
Serial Number: 10/669979 )  
Filed: 09/24/2003 )  
For: PROPELLER SHAFT ASSEMBLY )  
Docket Number: 13596 )

**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313

31 August 2005

Sir:

This is responsive to your Final Office Action dated June 6, 2005 having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 6, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed on August 31, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".